



Stacks on Demand JIRA Plugin for AWS v2.3

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INTRODUCTION

Stacks on Demand (SoD) is a JIRA add-on that will allow all permitted JIRA users to dynamically build the necessary test boxes such as instance types, billing type, branch or etc. for a given work period. After configuring the launch profile and CloudFormation template, assemble them into stack profiles (either using EC2 or CloudFormation) then add the **Stacks on Demand** gadget to your JIRA dashboard to manage starting or stopping AWS instances.

The Backend Service

The backend service is constant and responds to frontend API requests. It also has a timer to check AWS instances to update the frontend status as well as terminate any instances that are exceeding their allotted execution time.

This service depends on the following disk files:

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spotstack.log	This file contains logging information.												
spotstack_stacks.cfg	<p>This file contains stack definitions and/or rules and can be manually edited via the service by a frontend administrator. Each record will contain a definition for a stack and will require different entries specific to managing of the stack.</p> <p>The add-on supports multiple EC2 instances across different aws accounts.</p>												

spotstack_aws.cfg

This file contains the AWS credentials required to manage the instances. Each set has an identifier and each stack definition will specify to use one of these credential sets. The file can contain multiple aws credentials to handle different stacks in different accounts.

When an instance is started, its stack rule identifier is stored in a tag. This implies that the service can obtain the list of instances, examine their tag and determine which of them are managed by the add-on. After that, these instances can be stopped at any time.

Note: The add-on does not persist this information or attempt to keep local information sync'd with AWS - AWS is the sole keeper of information regarding running instances.

The service will poll AWS based on a timer setting in **spotstack_startup.cfg** to determine which instances are running. If the allotted times have expired, the service will automatically stop that instance.

Info: At service startup it will begin to poll AWS for the instance list and immediately clean up any instances beyond their allotted execution time.

REQUIREMENTS

The **Stacks on Demand for JIRA** add-on requires JIRA 6.1.x and higher.

An AWS account from Amazon Web Services is required to utilize the features of the add-on.

ROLES AND PERMISSIONS

Generally, **JIRA Administrator** *global permissions* are required to administer and install any add-on including **Stacks On Demand Plugin for JIRA**.

The IAM role is a set of permissions which is usually applied to the user or to an EC2 instance. This field is optional.

Minimum Security Settings

The super-administrator (DevOps) can provide the target account with the role with IAM policy containing the following actions to fulfill:

EC2-specific actions

RebootInstances
RunInstances
StartInstances
StopInstances
TerminateInstances
DescribeInstances
DescribeTags
DescribeSubnets
DescribeSecurityGroups
CreateTags
DescribeImages
PassRole

CF-specific actions

(+EC2 should be included also, as the add-on currently use both CF and EC2 services to manage CF-stack resources)

ListStacks
DescribeStackResources
CreateStack
DeleteStack
DescribeStacks
ListStackResources
DescribeStackResource

JIRA Group Permissions

Each stack configuration has a required field indicating which JIRA groups can start the stack type.

Non-administrator users will only see running stacks that they have started. Only viewing or editing stacks are the available options in the add-on settings for these users.

A new field specifies which JIRA groups are allowed to start any stack and view all stacks that are running or recently terminated. This setting supports multiple JIRA groups. The default value is **jira-administrators**.

CORE TERMS

All core terms involves part of the add-on configuration and are required to control the Stacks.

The administrator should be aware of the core terms, in the event of working with the add-on:

Core term	Description
StackProfile	Aggregates set of LaunchProfile elements in one-to-many relation. This is, however, not applicable to StackProfile relating to Stack for CloudFormation service.
LaunchProfile	EC2 – The LaunchProfile for Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) defines only one instance or spot request. CF – The CloudFormation LaunchProfile defines a template with provided parameters and will be managed by CloudFormation to build and start the Stack. The aim of the StackProfile is to commonly start the Stack or set of EC2 instance resources.
AwsAccount	Defines the AWS account at Amazon Web Service.
CloudFormationLaunchProfile	Represents the CloudFormation profile declared for the stack. Custom parameters can be added as a new parameter. The custom parameters can be set as Admin only or available to other users. CF LaunchProfile and CF StackTemplate configuration must be set in order for the stacks to start.
CloudFormationStackTemplate	The CloudFormationStackTemplate is a text representation for building your managed AWS resources. Multiple resources can also be specified in the template. Define an EC2 instance, instance type, AMI ID, block device mappings and EC2 key pair name in this template. Save it as a .json, .template or .txt file as long as it complies with the JSON standard. Point the URL setting to this file or paste the contents of this file into the provided Template box in (Stacks on Demand > AWS CloudFormation Stack Template > Add AWS CloudFormation Stack Template). For further information, see AWS CloudFormation Stack Templates .

CLOUD FORMATION

CloudFormation is a user-defined template which contains script to create an EC2 instance with IAM Role.

The sample CF templates are available at:

<https://github.com/AdvancedProcessDesigns/StacksOnDemand>

Template name	Description
demo0-cf-template-ec2instance.json	Cloud Formation Template, which runs empty EC2 instance
demo0-cf-template-ec2instance.readme	Provides instructions on how to setup the Stacks on Demand add-on with <i>demo0-cf-template-ec2instance.json</i>
demo1-cf-template-helloworld.json	Cloud Formation Template, which launch EC2 instance from publicHelloWorld AIM
demo1-cf-template-helloworld.readme	Provides instructions on how to setup the Stacks on Demand add-on with <i>demo1-cf-template-helloworld.json</i>
demo2-cf-template-helloworldwithcolor.json	Cloud Formation Template, which launch EC2 instance from publicHelloWorldWithParams AIM
demo2-cf-template-helloworldwithcolor.readme	Provides instructions on how to setup the Stacks on Demand add-on with <i>demo2-cf-template-helloworldwithcolor.json</i>

For managing CloudFormation Templates, see section [CF Stack Templates](#).

INSTALLATION

You must have the **JIRA System Administrators** *global permission* to install add-ons.

Installation via Atlassian Marketplace

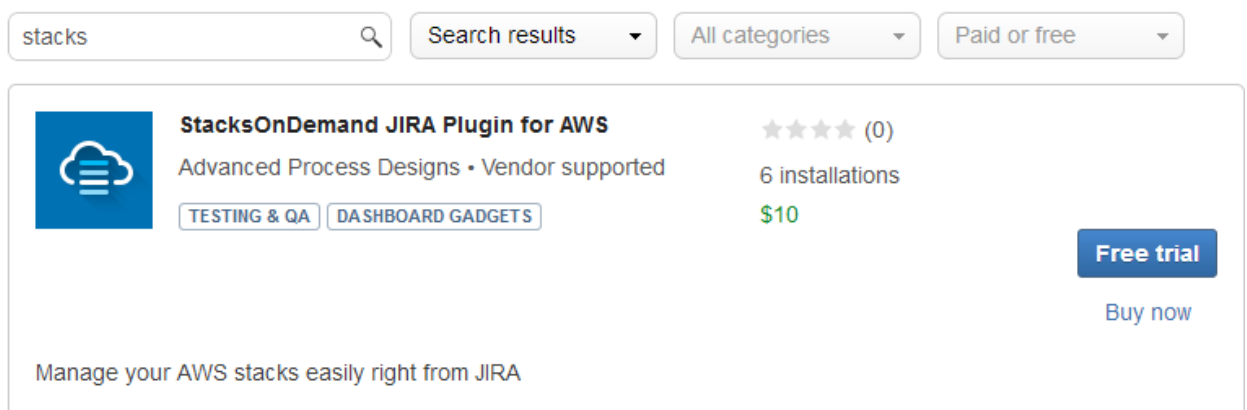
1. Go to the [Stacks on Demand JIRA Plugin for AWS](#) Atlassian Marketplace page.



2. Buy or evaluate the add-on with a free 30 day trial.
3. Login to your JIRA account, if required, to continue installation of the add-on. For free trial licenses, the license key is automatically configured into the add-on configuration. For purchased license keys, see [Setup License Key](#).

Installation via JIRA Universal Plugin Manager

1. In JIRA, go to  **Administration > Add-ons**. The **Find New Add-ons** page is displayed.





2. Type 'stacks' in the search box then hit **Enter** to search the Marketplace.
3. Buy the add-on or start the free trial for 30 days.

4. Login to your JIRA account, if required, to continue installation of the add-on. For free trial licenses, the license key is automatically configured into the add-on configuration. For purchased license keys, see [Setup License Key](#).

Manual Installation

To manually update the Git add-on, the user must have the **JIRA System Administrators** *global permission*. If the user does not have this permission, the upload add-on and other system administration functions will not be available.

Use manual install if you have a specific version of **Stacks on Demand Plugin for JIRA** downloaded from the marketplace or sent by some other file sharing method:

1. In JIRA, go to  **Administration > Add-ons > Manage Add-ons**.
2. Click  **Upload Add-on** and navigate to the jar file that you already have.
3. Click **Upload**. Restart your application for changes to take effect.
4. Buy the add-on or start the free trial for 30 days.
5. Login to your JIRA account, if required, to continue installation of the add-on. For free trial licenses, the license key is automatically configured into the add-on configuration. For purchased license keys, see [Setup License Key](#).


SETUP LICENSE KEY

Go to the **Stacks on Demand Plugin for JIRA** add-on configuration.

License details: Evaluation,
Unlimited-user commercial license,
Standard, expires 17/Jan/14

License status: Valid

License SEN: SEN-L3404739

License key: AAABDQ0ODA... 

Click the  **Edit** icon to enter/change the **License key**.

If the **License key** field is blank, you need to obtain a license for the Stacks on Demand add-on. Click **Buy now** or **Free trial**. Login to your Atlassian account, when prompted, to acquire the license based on your selected license mode.


CONFIGURING STACKS ON DEMAND

Go to  **Administration** > **Add-ons** >  **Stacks on Demand**.

Only JIRA Administrators are allowed to configure these settings.

GENERAL

The **General** tab contains stack settings that can only be accessed by JIRA administrators.

 **General**

Expiring soon status threshold (in minutes)

10

?

Terminate service rate (in minutes)

1

?

AWS Cache TTL (in seconds)

15

?

Log level

Debug

?

Custom Field #1

Git-Branch

☐ Required

Add description:

Special plugin field for internal-usage. Used for holding Git integration plugin branches data

Custom Field #2

Reserved for

☒ Required

Add description:

This stack is reserved for the following persons/purpose.

New Custom Field

+



Stack admins


jira-administrators x
jira-developers x

?

Save

Option	Description
Expiring soon status threshold (in minutes)	Set how soon the expiration status will trigger for the stacks.

Terminate service rate (in minutes)	States how often expired stacks are checked (in minutes). <i>0 = never. Default value is 1.</i>
AWS Cache TTL (in seconds)	States how long stacks could stay in the EC2 response cache (in seconds). <i>A value of 0 disables the cache. Default value is 15 seconds.</i>
Log level	Defines the mode of the log level – Normal or Debug . Debug mode enables email logging containing debug information which is displayed in the Log Viewer screen. Normal mode does not enable email logging.
Custom Field [n]	<p>Click  to add a new custom field. Several custom fields can be added so that they are recognized by the add-on as placeholders in the Email > message body.</p> <p>Enter a string value for ParamName and declare a paramValue or a variable declaration.</p> <p>To force users to input a value for the selected Custom Field in the Add Stacks Wizard dialog, enable the Required option. The default state of the Custom Field is optional.</p> <p>Click  to remove the selected custom field.</p> <p>The Git-Branch custom field is enabled if the JIRA Git plugin is installed and enabled.</p>
Stack admins	<p>Assign a JIRA user group to administer configured stacks. Several groups can be assigned to this field.</p> <p>Click on this field and select the required user or group from the list.</p> <p>Click x on an existing group to exclude that group from this field.</p>

Click also on the  icon to see additional information for that field.

Click **Save** to save the changes.

On the example screen in the previous page, the Git-Branch custom field is a special field used by the Stacks on Demand JIRA plugin internally to integrate with the [JIRA Git plugin](#).

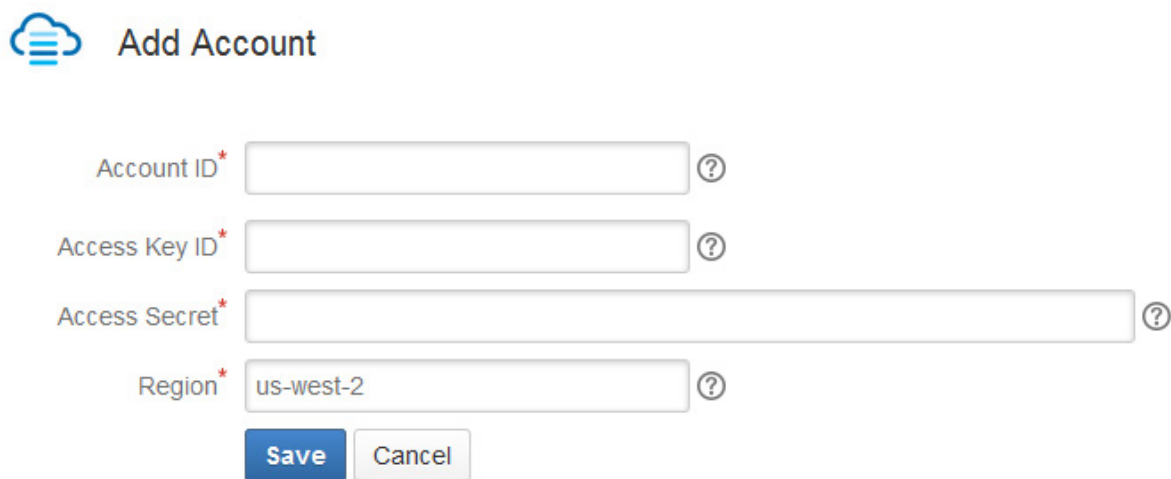
CREDENTIALS


On this page, administrators can manage configured AWS accounts. A list of configured AWS accounts is displayed.

Adding a New Credential

To add a new AWS account, click **Add AWS account**.

The **Add Account** screen is displayed:



 **Add Account**

Account ID* ?



Access Key ID* ?

Access Secret* ?

Region* ?

Save **Cancel**


Enter required information. All fields must be populated.

Field	Description
Account ID	This is the AWS Account ID. Typically, this is the login ID.
Access Key ID	This is the AWS Access Key ID. It's a unique identifier associated with a secret access key.
Access Key Secret	This is the Access Key Secret string for this account. You can generate secret access keys, individual IAM users, and temporary sessions thru your AWS account.
Region	Displays a named set of AWS resource in the same geographical area.
Actions	 - Edits the AWS account.  - Removes AWS account.

Click also on the ? icon to see additional information for that field.

Click **Save** to save the changes.

Editing a Credential

Click the  icon on the **Actions** *column* to make changes to the selected credential.

You will be presented with the screen similar to adding a credential but with details filled out. Edit as required then click **Save** to accept the changes.

Removing a Credential

Click the  icon on the **Actions** *column* to delete the selected credential.

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Determine how instances are doing by sending administrators selected log activities to their email address.

Users that have started a stack will receive selected alerts thru their email address. All options are enabled by default.

☒ Instance started successfully

Subject

Body

☒ Instance did not start (error)

Subject

Body

Available macros

Syntax	Description
{Git-Branch}	Text entered into field named 'Git-Branch'.
{Reserved for}	Text entered into field named 'Reserved for'.

Configure **Subject** and **Body** fields for each selected option as required.

The email template syntax is also displayed on the page for reference on body message writing.

The **IP**, **Status**, **ExpireTime**, **StartedTime**, **StartedBy**, **Selection**, **TimeRemaining**, **InstanceDetails**, **StackName** and **DashboardURL** are reserved words for the state of the particular stack. These are placeholders enclosed in curly braces “{ }” and actual values will appear on the recipient’s email.

The default value setting for soon-to-expire stacks is 10 minutes. You can set this threshold in the **General** settings of the Stacks on Demand plugin in the add-on management page.

All other placeholders will be recognized by Stack on Demand add-on as a custom field for Stack. The add-on will attempt to place the proper values such as **{color}**, **{Branch}**, **{Description}** and etc.





Click **Save** to save the changes.

LAUNCH PROFILES

On this page, administrators can manage configured Launch Profiles. A list of configured launch profiles is displayed for each section, AWS Cloud Formation and EC2 Launch Profiles.







AWS CloudFormation Launch Profiles

Name	Template	Parameters	Actions
Demo for Trimble: CRUD App + RDS	Demo for Trimble: CRUD App + RDS	• KeyName=apdaws (for admin only)	 
myEC2instance	myEC2	• KeyName=aws	 

Add



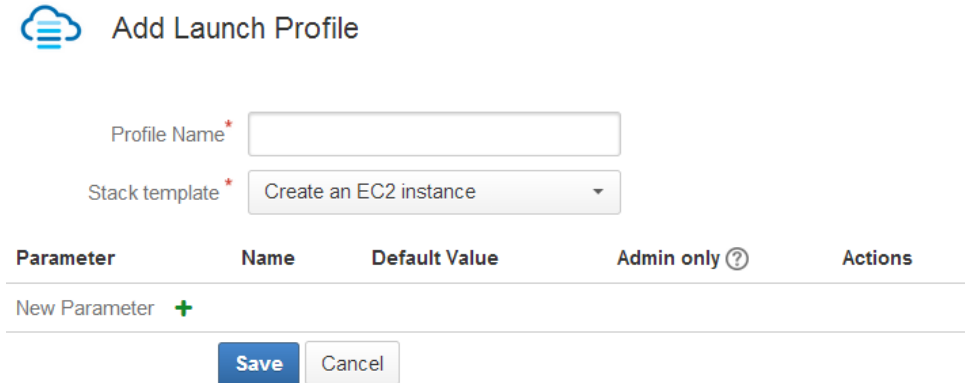
AWS EC2 Launch Profiles


Name	Type	Instance Type	Availability Zone	IAM Role	Actions
Demo for Trimble: Hello World App	On-Demand	t2.micro	us-west-2c		 
Dev Jira with SoD plugin	On-Demand	t2.small	us-west-2c		 

Add

Adding a CloudFormation Launch Profile



To add a new launch profile, click **Add** on the CloudFormation Launch Profile section. The following screen is displayed:



 Add Launch Profile



Profile Name *

Stack template * Create an EC2 instance ▼

Parameter	Name	Default Value	Admin only 	Actions
New Parameter 				

Save Cancel


For this page, utilize the options below as follows:

Option	Description
Profile Name	Enter a descriptive name for this CloudFormation launch profile.
Cloud Formation Stack Template	Select available templates derived from the CF Stack Templates tab.
New Parameter	<p>Click  to add a new parameter. Several parameters can be added.</p> <p>Enter a string value for ParamName and declare a paramValue or a variable declaration. (e.g. paramName = KeyName, paramValue = your Key Pair Name)</p> <p>The author of the CloudFormation stack template should verify that the added parameters are all described in the template body.</p> <p>Enable the Admin only checkbox for each parameter to make it available only to JIRA administrators.</p> <p>Click  to remove the selected parameter group.</p>

Click also on the  icon to see additional information for that column.


Click **Save** to save the changes.

Editing the CloudFormation Launch Profile

Click the  icon on the **Actions** *column* to make changes to the selected CloudFormation launch profile.

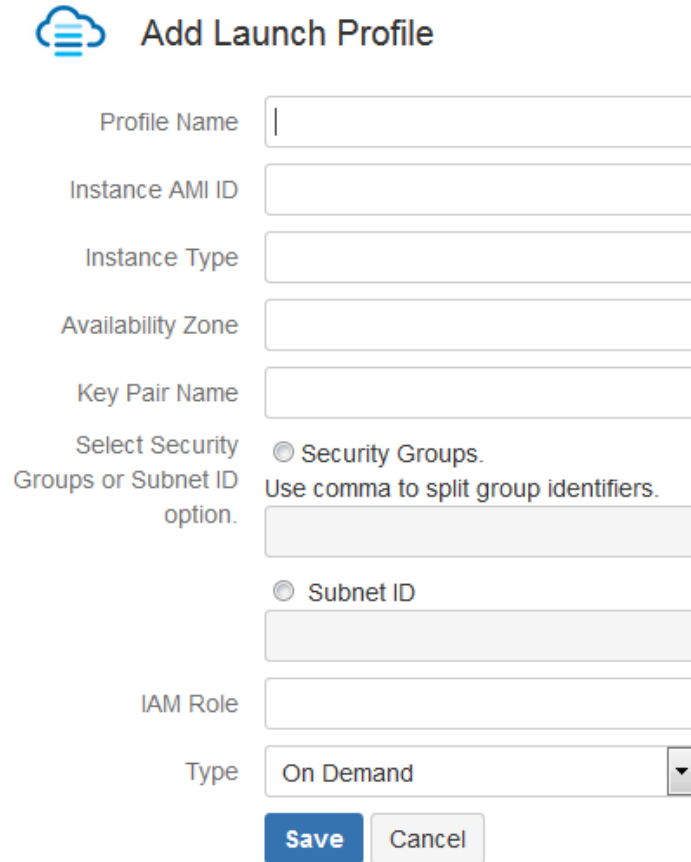
You will be presented with the screen similar to adding a CloudFormation launch profile but with details filled out. Edit as required then click **Save** to accept the changes.

Removing an CloudFormation Launch Profile

Click the  icon on the **Actions** *column* to delete the selected CF launch profile.

Adding a New EC2 Launch Profile

To add a new launch profile, click **Add** on the EC2 Launch Profile section. The following screen is displayed:



The screenshot shows the 'Add Launch Profile' form in the AWS Management Console. At the top left is the AWS logo. The title 'Add Launch Profile' is centered. Below the title are several input fields: 'Profile Name' (a text box with a cursor), 'Instance AMI ID' (a text box), 'Instance Type' (a text box), 'Availability Zone' (a text box), 'Key Pair Name' (a text box), and 'IAM Role' (a text box). Below these is a section for 'Select Security Groups or Subnet ID option.' with two radio buttons: 'Security Groups' (selected) and 'Subnet ID'. Below the 'Security Groups' radio button is a text box with the instruction 'Use comma to split group identifiers.' Below the 'Subnet ID' radio button is another text box. At the bottom is a 'Type' dropdown menu set to 'On Demand'. At the very bottom are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.


Enter required information by utilizing the options as follows:

Option		Description
Profile Name		Name of the launch profile.
Instance AMI ID		Stack type.
Instance Type		Type of stack instance.
Availability Zone		Refers to the region the stack is located.
Key Pair Name		Enter a key pair name for this launch profile.
Select	Security Groups	<i>Optional.</i> AWS identifiers for security groups. A security group is a set of rules which allow an inbound and outbound connections for the EC2 instance. Example: sg-4653b022
or	Subnet ID	<i>Optional.</i> Enter subnet ID (VPC name ID).

IAM Role	<i>Optional.</i> IAM permission role of the launch profile which can be omitted for some AMIs.
Type	Select Spot Request or On Demand . Spot Request and On-Demand instances are purchasing options of AWS. For detailed information, see Amazon EC2 Instance Purchasing Options .

Click **Save** to save the changes.

Editing the EC2 Launch Profile

Click the  icon on the **Actions** *column* to make changes to the selected EC2 launch profile.

You will be presented with the screen similar to adding an EC2 launch profile but with details filled out. Edit as required then click **Save** to accept the changes.

Removing an EC2 Launch Profile

Click the  icon on the **Actions** *column* to delete the selected credential.


STACK PROFILES

This page allows administrators to create a new stack profile.

At least one EC2 or CloudFormation launch profile must have already been configured to proceed. In case of creating a CF Launch Profile, at least one CloudFormation template has been configured and selected in that launch profile to proceed.

Adding a Stack Profile

To configure a new stack profile, click **Add Stack Profile**.

 **Add Stack Profile**

Profile Name

AWS Account


sod-user

Description


Choose service type

☐ AWS CloudFormation

☒ AWS EC2

Launch Profile #	LaunchProfile	Name For Instance	Admin only	Actions
Launch Profile #1	Demo for Trimble		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Add Launch Profile



Permitted JIRA Groups

jira-users

Default Expiration Period (in minutes)

55



Max Expiration Period (in minutes)


480

Save

Cancel


Utilize the following options to populate the fields as required:

Field	Description										
Profile Name	Enter a descriptive name.										
AWS Account	Select an AWS account from the dropdown list.										
Description	Enter description of this stack profile on the provided box.										
Choose service type	Choose a service type for this stack profile. (AWS CloudFormation or AWS EC2)										
Launch Profile	<p>Select desired launch profile from the list.</p> <p>Select EC2 from service type then add multiple LaunchProfile items for this instance.</p> <p>Select CF (CloudFormation) from service type then add just one CF Launch Profile for this instance.</p> <p>Click  on the adjacent Launch Profile # to remove that launch profile.</p>										
Add Launch Profile	<p>This option is only available when you select the <i>service type</i> AWS EC2 option.</p> <p>Click  to add and declare a new launch profile item.</p> <table><tr><th>Field</th><th>Description</th></tr><tr><td>Launch Profile #</td><td>Launch profile ID number</td></tr><tr><td>Launch Profile</td><td><p>Select a Launch Profile configuration.</p><p>For EC2, each item is associated with a separate instance.</p><p>For CloudFormation – only a single item is allowed since it contains a template which can define multiple instances.</p></td></tr><tr><td>Name For Instance</td><td>Enter a meaningful name for this instance.</td></tr><tr><td>Admin only</td><td>Non-admin users will be able to modify the instance name, if not enabled. Default state is unchecked.</td></tr></table>	Field	Description	Launch Profile #	Launch profile ID number	Launch Profile	<p>Select a Launch Profile configuration.</p> <p>For EC2, each item is associated with a separate instance.</p> <p>For CloudFormation – only a single item is allowed since it contains a template which can define multiple instances.</p>	Name For Instance	Enter a meaningful name for this instance.	Admin only	Non-admin users will be able to modify the instance name, if not enabled. Default state is unchecked.
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Admin only	Non-admin users will be able to modify the instance name, if not enabled. Default state is unchecked.										
Permitted JIRA Groups	Assign users who can see and use this stack profile. The input field is type or click-sensitive to provide the user a selection of valid JIRA group.										
Default Expiration Period (in minutes), Max Expiration Period (in minutes)	Enter a numerical value for this field as required or leave the default value as is.										


Click also on the  icon to see additional information for that field.

Click **Save** to save the changes and add this new stack profile to the list.

Editing a Stack Profile

Click the  icon on the **Actions** *column* to edit the selected stack profile. You will be presented with the same screen as adding a stack profile but with details filled out. Edit as required then click **Save** to save the changes.

Removing a Stack Profile

Click the  icon on the **Actions** *column* to delete the selected stack profile from the list.





AWS CLOUDFORMATION

Manage CloudFormation Stack templates on this page. A list of configured templates is displayed.

For more information on CloudFormation Templates, see [AWS CloudFormation Templates](#).



AWS CloudFormation Stack Templates

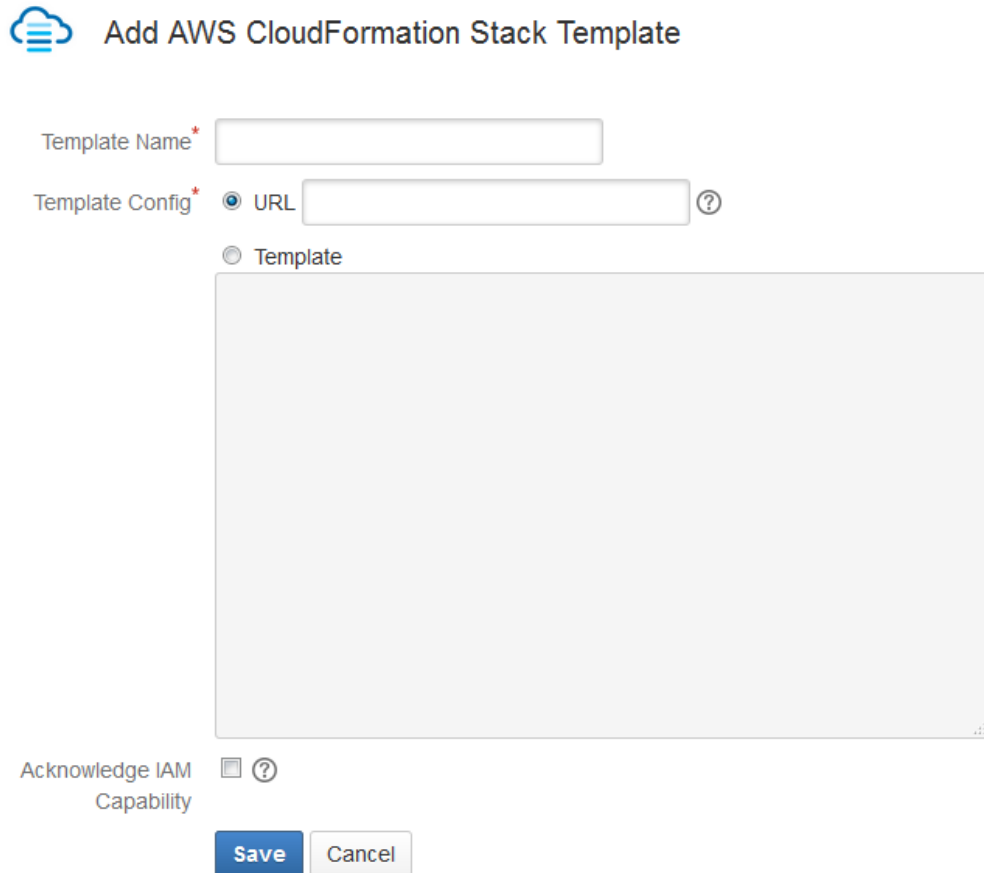
Name	Actions
Create an EC2 instance	 
Create an EC2 from helloWorldWithColor AMI	 
Create an EC2 from helloWorld AMI	 
myEC2	 

Add Stack Template

Adding a CloudFormation Stack Template

Add a new CF stack template by clicking **Add Stack Template**.

The following screen is displayed:



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Add AWS CloudFormation Stack Template" with the AWS Cloud logo. It contains the following fields and controls:


- Template Name***: A text input field.
- Template Config***: A section with two radio buttons:
 - URL**: Selected by default, followed by a text input field and a help icon (?).
 - Template**: An unselected radio button, followed by a large, empty text area.
- Acknowledge IAM Capability**: A checkbox (unchecked) and a help icon (?).
- Buttons**: "Save" (blue) and "Cancel" (grey).

Enter a unique **Template Name**.

For **Template Config**, enter the required valid **URL** pointing an existing template in an Amazon S3 bucket located in the same region as the stack. This template must have minimum read permissions. *The maximum size of the template is 460,800 bytes.*


Select **Template**, if you want to type or paste your template configuration in the box provided.

Enable **Acknowledge IAM Capability** only if you have created or updated a stack using a template containing IAM resources. For more information about using IAM resources in templates, see [Controlling Access with AWS Identity and Access Management](#).

Click also on the  icon to see additional information for that field.


Click **Save** to save the changes.

Editing a CloudFormation Stack Template

Click the  icon on the **Actions** *column* to make changes to the selected CloudFormation stack template.

You will be presented with the screen similar to adding a CloudFormation stack template but with details filled out. Edit as required then click **Save** to accept the changes.

Removing a CloudFormation Stack Template

Click the  icon on the **Actions** *column* to delete the selected CF stack template.

LOG VIEWER

Log processes of running stacks are displayed in this page.

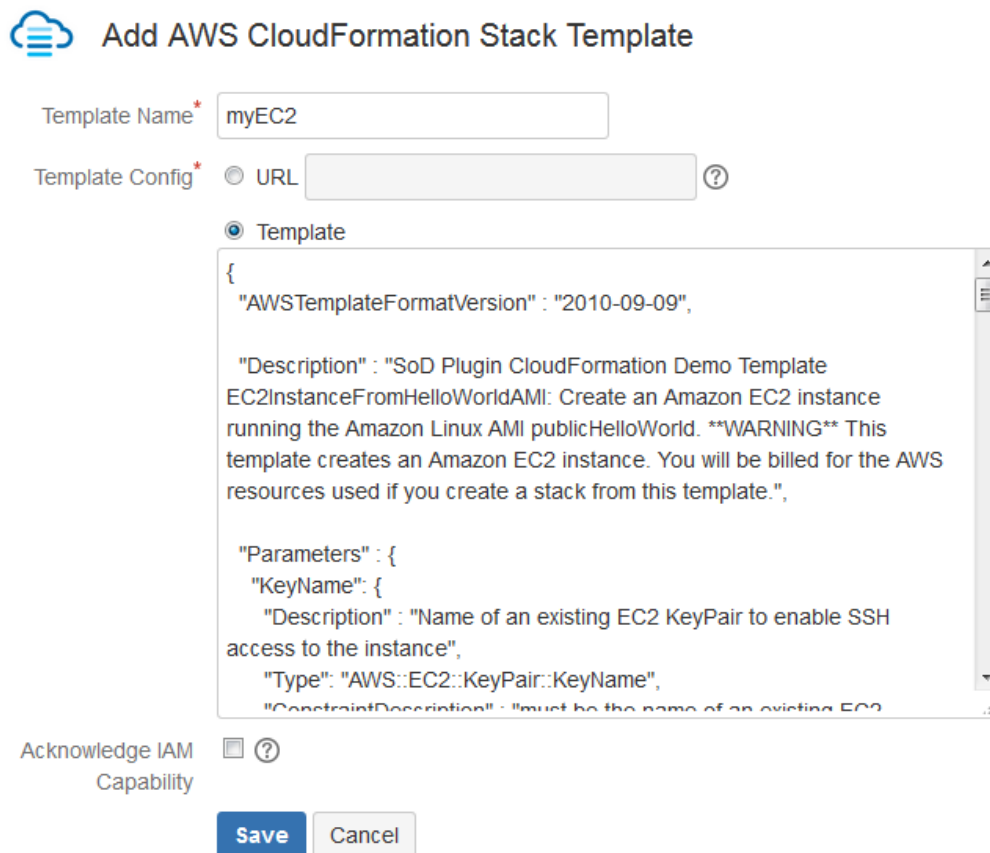
SETUP A CLOUDFORMATION TEMPLATE USING EC2 INSTANCE

Create an EC2 instance running the Linux AMI. The AMI is chosen based on the region in which the stack is run. This method creates an EC2 security group for the instance providing SSH access.

Be warned that this template will create an EC2 instance. If you create a stack using this template, you will be billed for the AWS resources used.

1. To create a CF stack template, go to  **Administration > Add-ons >  Stacks on Demand > AWS CloudFormation.**

The **Cloud Formation Stack Templates** screen is displayed. Click **Add Stack Template**.



The screenshot shows the 'Add AWS CloudFormation Stack Template' dialog. The 'Template Name' field is filled with 'myEC2'. The 'Template Config' section has two radio buttons: 'URL' and 'Template'. The 'Template' radio button is selected. Below it is a text area containing JSON template code. At the bottom, there is a checkbox for 'Acknowledge IAM Capability' which is currently unchecked. There are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.

Template Name* myEC2

Template Config* ☐ URL ☒ Template

```
{
  "AWSTemplateFormatVersion" : "2010-09-09",

  "Description" : "SoD Plugin CloudFormation Demo Template
  EC2InstanceFromHelloWorldAMI: Create an Amazon EC2 instance
  running the Amazon Linux AMI publicHelloWorld. **WARNING** This
  template creates an Amazon EC2 instance. You will be billed for the AWS
  resources used if you create a stack from this template.",

  "Parameters" : {
    "KeyName" : {
      "Description" : "Name of an existing EC2 KeyPair to enable SSH
      access to the instance",
      "Type" : "AWS::EC2::KeyPair::KeyName",
      "ConstraintDescription" : "must be the name of an existing EC2
```

Acknowledge IAM Capability ☐ ?

Save Cancel

Enter a descriptive **Template Name** for this new template.

Select **Body** as **Template Config**. Use the contents of the [demo0-cf-template-ec2instance.json](#) (Github) as reference and paste it on the box provided. Edit parameters as required.

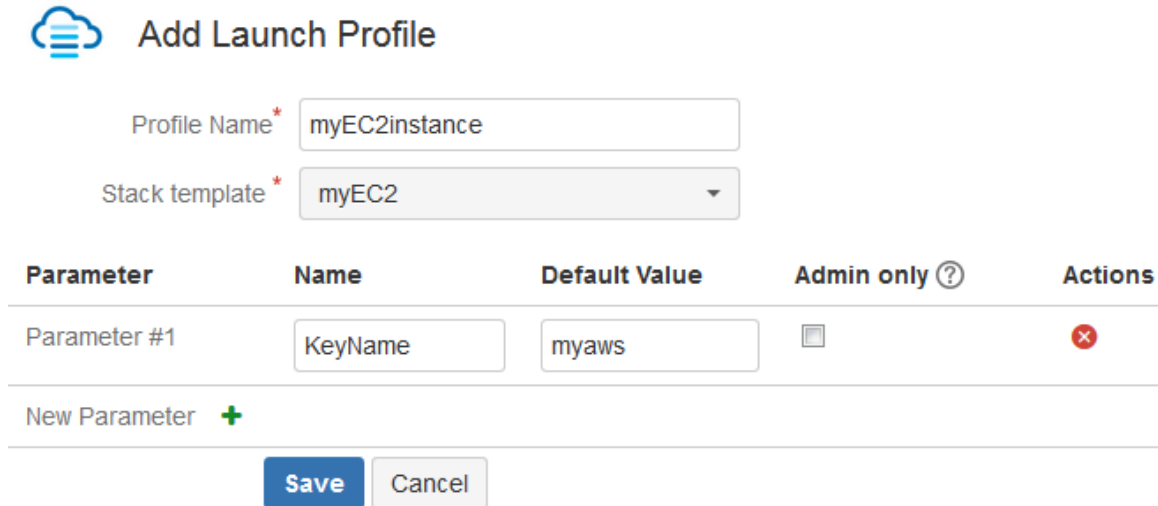
Enable **Acknowledge IAM Capability** only if you have created or updated a stack using a template containing IAM resources.

Click **Save** to save the changes and add this new CF stack template.

- To create a CF Launch Profile, go to  Stacks on Demand > **Launch Profiles**.

Under  **Cloud Formation Launch Profiles**, click **Add**.


The following screen is displayed:



Add Launch Profile

Profile Name * myEC2instance

Stack template * myEC2

Parameter	Name	Default Value	Admin only ?	Actions
Parameter #1	KeyName	myaws	<input type="checkbox"/>	

New Parameter +

Save Cancel

Enter a meaningful **Profile Name** as required.

Select a **Cloud Formation Stack Template** from the dropdown list – e.g. **Create an EC2 instance**.

Add a **New Param** by clicking +.


A new parameter field called **Param #1** is displayed. Enter required parameter declaration and value to the provided fields. Enable the **Admin only** checkbox to make this parameter unavailable to non-admin users.

(Example: *paramName* = KeyName; *paramValue* = your Key Pair Name)

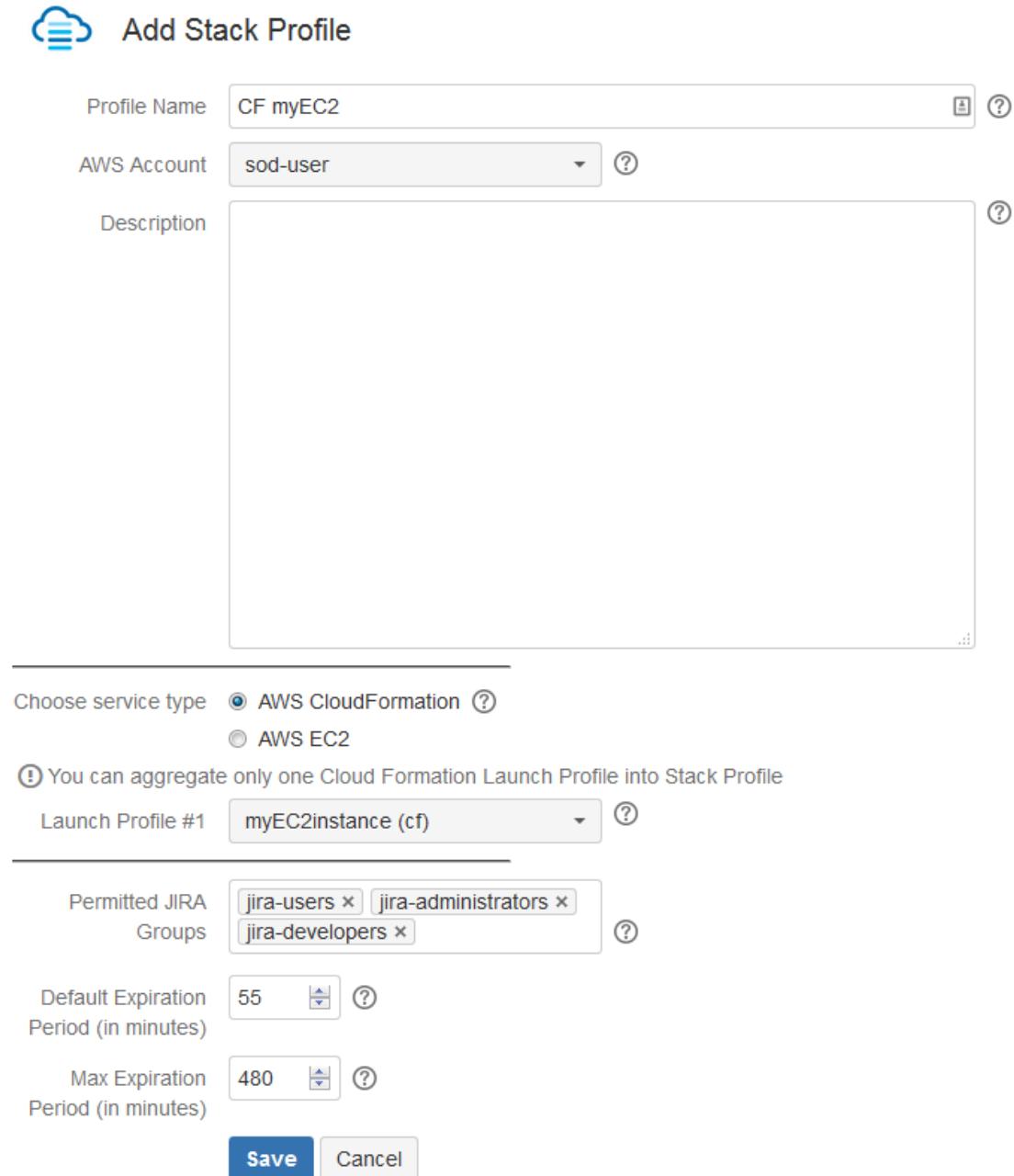
Add another parameter if required.

You may add *paramName* = InstanceType, *paramValue* = choose one from ["t1.micro", "t2.micro", "t2.small", "t2.medium", "m1.small", "m1.medium", "m1.large", "m1.xlarge", "m2.xlarge", "m2.2xlarge", "m2.4xlarge", "m3.medium", "m3.large", "m3.xlarge", "m3.2xlarge", "c1.medium", "c1.xlarge", "c3.large", "c3.xlarge", "c3.2xlarge", "c3.4xlarge", "c3.8xlarge", "g2.2xlarge", "r3.large", "r3.xlarge", "r3.2xlarge", "r3.4xlarge", "r3.8xlarge", "i2.xlarge", "i2.2xlarge", "i2.4xlarge", "i2.8xlarge", "hi1.4xlarge", "hs1.8xlarge", "cr1.8xlarge", "cc2.8xlarge", "cg1.4xlarge"]

Click **Save** to add this new launch profile to the CF launch profile list.

3. Update Stack Configuration by going to  Stacks on Demand > **Stack Profiles**.

The following screen is displayed:



The screenshot shows the 'Add Stack Profile' form in the AWS CloudFormation console. The form is titled 'Add Stack Profile' with a CloudFormation icon. It contains several input fields and a large text area. The 'Profile Name' field is filled with 'CF myEC2'. The 'AWS Account' dropdown is set to 'sod-user'. The 'Description' field is empty. Below these fields, there are radio buttons for 'Choose service type', with 'AWS CloudFormation' selected. A warning message states: 'You can aggregate only one Cloud Formation Launch Profile into Stack Profile'. Below this, the 'Launch Profile #1' dropdown is set to 'myEC2instance (cf)'. Further down, the 'Permitted JIRA Groups' field contains three entries: 'jira-users', 'jira-administrators', and 'jira-developers'. The 'Default Expiration Period (in minutes)' is set to 55, and the 'Max Expiration Period (in minutes)' is set to 480. At the bottom, there are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Add Stack Profile

Profile Name: CF myEC2

AWS Account: sod-user

Description:

Choose service type: ☒ AWS CloudFormation ☐ AWS EC2

! You can aggregate only one Cloud Formation Launch Profile into Stack Profile

Launch Profile #1: myEC2instance (cf)

Permitted JIRA Groups: jira-users x jira-administrators x jira-developers x

Default Expiration Period (in minutes): 55

Max Expiration Period (in minutes): 480

Save **Cancel**

Enter a descriptive **Profile Name**.

Select an **AWS Account** from the dropdown list.

Enter **Description** of this stack profile on the provided box.

Choose **Service Type** for this stack profile, in this case, **CF**.

Select desired **Launch Profile** from the list.

Assign users in the **Permitted Jira Groups** box. The input field is type/click-sensitive to provide the user a selection of a valid JIRA group.

Enter **Default Expiration Period (*in minutes*)** as required or leave the default value as is.


Enter **Max Expiration Period (*in minutes*)** as required or leave the default value as is.

Click **Save** to save the changes and add this new stack profile to the list.

WORKING WITH THE STACKS ON DEMAND JIRA GADGET


To manage stacks from JIRA, the Stacks on Demand gadget must be placed on the user's dashboard.

StacksOnDemand Gadget

 StacksOnDemand

[Start new stack](#) [Admin](#)

Git-Branch	Reserved for	Service	IP	Selection	Started By	Start Time	Expire Time ▲	Status	Actions

Last refreshed: 2015-08-04 05:49 PM +08:00 

The add-on is divided into two main sections. The top section lets you start new stacks and access to the SoD plugin general settings. The bottom section allows you to manage running stacks. Each stack definition defines the JIRA group which can start a specific type of stack.

Info: If a user starts a stack, that user will be able to manage that stack. Other users can only see stacks that they have started in the running stacks list. Only stack administrators can manage stacks that were started by other users.

Starting Stacks via Stacks on Demand for JIRA Gadget

Click **Start new stack**. The Start Stack wizard is displayed.

Start Stack - step 1 of 3

Select a stack configuration

CloudFormation EC2

Demo for Trimble: CRUD App + RDS
Sample obtained from Play! Framework examples. Running on Play! Framework version 2 infrastructure using relational database service: AWS RDS instance. This example represents simple computers database. User can list, modify, delete, create and search computers. Application makes real queries to remote database.

CF myEC2
test stack profile

Next Cancel

Switch between **CloudFormation** or **EC2** tabs then click on a profile to select the required stack configuration.

Click **Next**.

In this step, you are prompted with the custom fields declared in the **General** settings of the **Stacks on Demand** add-on.

Start Stack - step 2 of 3

Set starting parameters

Provide name for stack (30 characters limit)

Stack name

There are 253 characters left to use ?

Git-Branch ?

Reserved for ?

Provide launch parameters for CloudFormation template

color*

Back Next Cancel

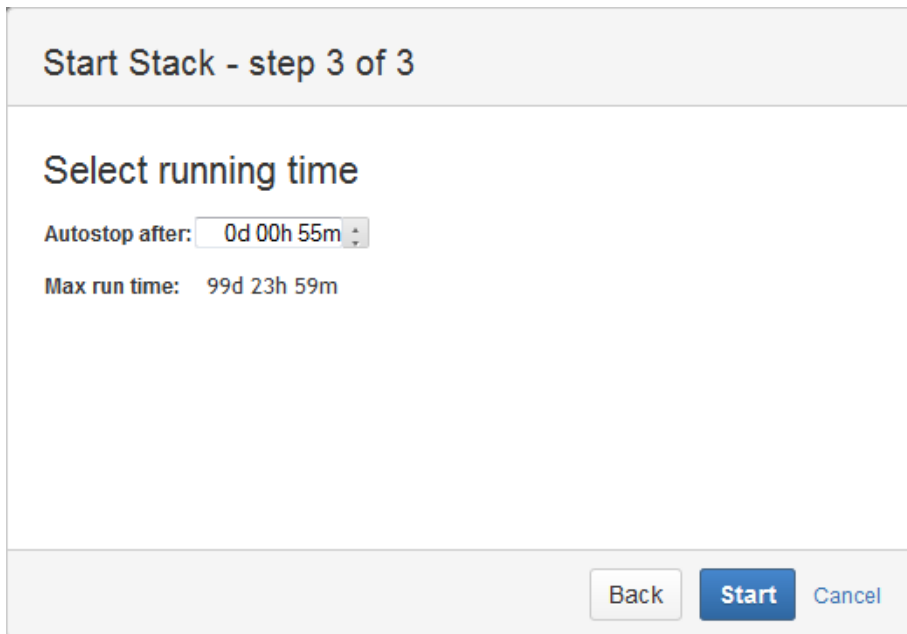
Set the starting parameters for this dialog. In this case, enter **color** (supports CSS color names) and a descriptive **Stack name** for this stack. Fields with * indicates a required field.

The Git-Branch is a JIRA Git plugin integration field which is internally used by Stacks on Demand. The Git-Branch will obtain and lists all the branches from the Git. This field is not available if **Git Integration for JIRA** add-on is not installed on your JIRA.

The **Reserved for** is a custom field from the **Stacks on Demand > General** screen.

Standard users can specify parameters for template if it was configured as non-Admin only.

Click **Next**.



Start Stack - step 3 of 3

Select running time

Autostop after: 0d 00h 55m

Max run time: 99d 23h 59m

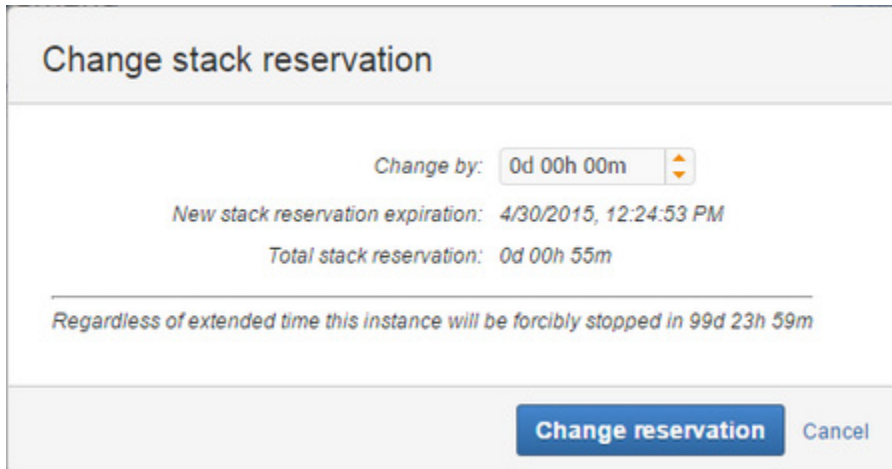
Back Start Cancel

In this dialog, set the **Autostop after** time value as required. Recommended value should be greater than 20 minutes. **Max run time** indicates the maximum run time for stacks allowed by AWS.

Click **Start** to close the wizard and start this stack. The new stack will appear in the running stack list of the **Stacks on Demand** gadget.

Changing Reservation of the Running Stack


To manage the allotted time for this stack, click  on the **Actions** column then select **Change reservation**.



The dialog box titled "Change stack reservation" contains a "Change by:" label followed by a time input field showing "0d 00h 00m" and a spinner icon. Below this, it displays "New stack reservation expiration: 4/30/2015, 12:24:53 PM" and "Total stack reservation: 0d 00h 55m". A horizontal line separates this from a warning message: "Regardless of extended time this instance will be forcibly stopped in 99d 23h 59m". At the bottom right are two buttons: "Change reservation" (highlighted in blue) and "Cancel".

Adjust the **Change by** time to a positive value to increase the reservation time for this running stack. A negative value will decrease the reservation time. The changes are reflected to the **Total reservation** time value in real-time. Click **Change reservation** to accept the changes.

Stopping a Running Stack

To forcefully stop a running stack, click  on the **Actions** column then select **End reservation**. A confirmation screen is displayed.

Click **Terminate**. When the stack is stopped, the status will change to **Terminated**.

Accessing General Settings from the Stacks on Demand JIRA Gadget

To configure the add-on **General** settings, click  on the **Stacks on Demand** gadget.

Status Descriptions

On the **Status** *column* of the SoD gadget, the status message of the running stack is displayed.

Status	Description
Create In Progress	The stack is starting and stack creation is ongoing.
Create Complete	The stack has successfully finished creating the stack.
Create Failed	The stack creation has failed due to the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insufficient permissions to work with all resources in the stack• Parameter values were rejected by an AWS service• A timeout has occurred during resource creation
Running	This status is shown (it's the EC2 instance status) for CF stack when all instances are in running status.
Terminated	The running stack was stopped.
Expiring	The running stack is expiring and will be stopped.
Delete in Progress	Stack removal is ongoing.
Delete Complete	The stack has been removed successfully
Delete Failed	Removal of the stack has failed. Some active resources may be using the stack.
Rollback in Progress	Removal of the stack after a failed stack creation is ongoing.
Rollback Complete	Removal of the stack was successful after a failed stack creation. Any resources that were created during stack creation are deleted.
Rollback Failed	Rollback process was unsuccessful.
Update Complete	Successful update of the stack.
Update Complete Cleanup in Progress	Old resources removal of the stack is ongoing after a successful stack update. In this state, the stack has been updated and is usable, but the AWS CloudFormation is still removing the old resources.
Update in Progress	Ongoing update of the stack.
Update Rollback Complete	Successful rollback of the stack to a previous working state after a failed stack update.
Update Rollback Complete Cleanup in Progress	Ongoing removal of new resources for the stack after a failed stack update. In this state, the stack has been rolled back to its previous working state and is usable, but AWS CloudFormation is still removing any new resources that were created during the stack update.
Update Rollback Failed	Unsuccessful return of the stack to a previous working state after a failed stack update.
Update Rollback in Progress	Ongoing rollback of the stack to the previous working state after a failed stack update.